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The past week in Northampton Chronicle & Echo headlines

Banger race

FOUR men from Northampton are planning to travel more than 1,200 miles across central Europe in a 25-year-old hearse as part of a banger rally, for the Gemini Aids and HIV charity.

Helping hand

Northampton General Hospital nurses Jo Haensel and Vicki Moroney are heading to Malawi this summer to care for poor

Your chance to grill election candidates

FOLLOWING the success of the televised election debate between the three men hoping to become Prime Minister, our sister paper the *Chronicle & Echo* has decided to host its own 'Question Time' event to give Northampton residents the chance to grill the people who want to represent them in Westminster.

All of the candidates fighting the election in the town are due to turn up for the two events, with topics the potential MPs will be grilled on expected to range from expenses and immigration to the state of Northampton town centre and crime rates in the town.

Chron editor David Summers said: "These events will be a great opportunity for everyone in Northampton to grill the candidates on the issues that matter to them.

"We've seen from the televised debates how people's opinions of candidates can change when they're put on the spot and grilled by members of the public, so this should be a really good opportunity for people to find out exactly who they will be voting for on May 6."

Candidates representing Labour, the Conservatives and Liberal Democrats have all been invited to the events, as have all the other parties, including The Green Party, United Kingdom Independence Party, English Democrats and all of the smaller groups and independent candidates.

The County Ground and Sixfields stadium will host the two 'Question Time' style events, to which all candidates hoping for election on May 6 have been invited

The event for voters in Northampton North will be held at the County Ground, the home of Northamptonshire County Cricket Club on Wednesday, April 28 from 7pm.

For voters in Northampton South, the event will be held at the Sixfields stadium on Friday, April 30 from 7pm.

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Questions will be tabled by audience members on the night.

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TWO private hire drivers who drove a group of business people 650 miles from Northampton to Switzerland to beat the flights ban have come to the rescue once again ... this time of a family-of-seven stranded in eastern Spain.

Drivers Antony Berryman and Sue Farquharson, from town firm Amber Cars, drove seven executives across Europe to Geneva last week, a record fare of £1,200.

After only two days' rest the heroic duo are back on the road again, coming to the rescue of the Lawrence family, from Ashton, in an 1,800-mile round trip via the Eurotunnel that will take them two days and earn them £1,500.

Speaking from Alcossebre, mother-of-three Julia explained: "We flew out here on the 7th for an Easter family holiday, my husband Nathan, his parents Jill and Neale and our children Ben, aged 10, Jack, aged seven and Archie, aged 3. We were due to fly home on the 15th but our flight was cancelled. We rebooked for the 17th and it was cancelled again."

The family, with the help of locals, tried desperately to get home by other means, looking at train services, car hire and even getting a relative to drive from the UK to collect them, before Neale, aged 63, saw a television report on Amber Cars' previous 'rescue'.

Julia said: "Being stranded has cost us thousands in extra food, accommodation and car hire.

"The boys are upset they have missed important football games they were due to play in and Jack has missed his first day at a brand new school, Ashton Primary. My husband and his father have also had lost earnings from the family business, Reldale."

"We have gone through extreme emotions and the children in particular have been really upset. We're very relieved to be finally going home and grateful to Amber for coming to get us. They have been fantastic not caring how many times I have called to check they're still coming."

Antony, speaking at the beginning of the 15-hour drive to collect the family, said: "It wasn't back to normal for us on a Monday. We are off on another adventure. I've called it 'International Rescue' but really it's just another job. I just love driving."

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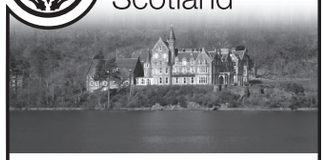

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Schools in air crisis chaos

THE grounding of UK flights due to the cloud of ash from an erupting volcano in Iceland has caused chaos for pupils and teachers returning to school from their Easter holidays.

Many members of staff and students are stuck abroad and pupils due to fly back from school trips are stranded as far away as Japan, The Gambia and Trinidad and Tobago.

At Northampton School for Boys, 24 pupils are stranded in Japan on a trip, 16 are being kept in Trinidad and Tobago on a cricket tour and a further 50 are unable to return to the UK from holidays abroad. More than 14 per cent of the school's teachers, 13 in total, are stuck overseas.

Headteacher Mike Griffiths, speaking to the BBC, said he expected to spend £8,000 on supply teachers this week and admitted a Spanish GCSE oral exam had been postponed already.

Paul Gardiner, headteacher of Thomas Becket Catholic School, said the school was missing eight teachers who were stranded abroad and had sent work to an A-level student stuck in Korea. He said: "It's a significant percentage of our staff but fortunately people are really pulling together to cover the shortfall. Despite the unforeseen absences we are running pretty smoothly at the moment."

Iceland's Eyjafjallajokull volcano erupting

Mr Gardiner said teachers were trying desperately to get back to the UK. He said: "Our concerns are we are losing the run-in to GCSEs and A-levels. We always have a very big push at this time of year so it's a bit of a worry but the students are responding magnificently and the staff are pulling together."

At Abbeyfield School, 18 A-level students are stranded in The Gambia on a school trip and 16 teachers are also stuck overseas. The pupils were due to return on Friday from a trip to visit their sponsor school, but were unable to get a flight to the UK.

Headteacher Mark Griffin said: "The school has transferred money to provide malaria tablets and subsistence. The pupils are safe in a hotel, in contact via email and are with senior members of staff. But we are concerned they are sixth form students with exams coming up. We will have to work hard to make sure we cover everything in terms of teaching.

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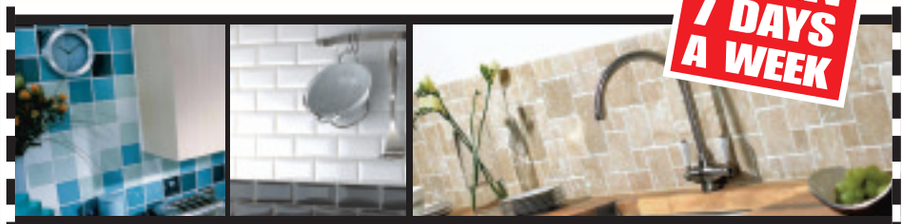

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Naturists' nude swim boosts charity funds

The Northampton Sun Group of naturists' swimathon

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Up to 20 members of Northampton Sun Group took part in Sunday evening's Marie Curie swimathon at The Mounts leisure centre, shedding their costumes to swim a total of 315 lengths of the pool.

The group, which is made up of more than 80 people aged between four and 85, hire out the venue for naturist swim, sauna and spa sessions every weekend.

Membership secretary Jonathan Moore said: "We were the only naturist group to take part in the swim and we have raised a minimum of £300 which is great.

"The British Naturists Society is based in Northampton and we were fortunate enough to have our president, Angela Russell, come down to cheer us on. It was an excellent night and originally we were only meant to be doing 5km but we carried on and doubled that."

The group was formed 27 years ago and is one of 60 around the country.

Naturism has suffered through huge social stigma over the years but Mr Moore said the growth of the internet had helped more people become aware of activities held by the group and had reduced any concerns the public may have had.

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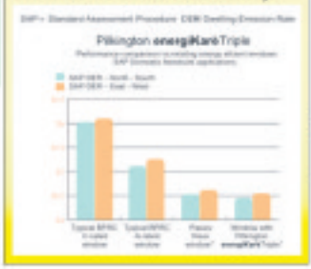

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Paco the donkey's previous owner was sentenced in court after the animal's attack on pigs and a goat. His new owner says the donkey has shown no signs of aggressive behaviour since moving home

'Paco was just lonely donkey'

THE new owner of a donkey whose wild behaviour saw his previous keeper banned from keeping farm animals has insisted her pet is simply mischievous.

A court heard last week how Paco the neglected Spanish donkey attacked pigs and a goat in a rented field in Tiffield and was suspected of killing another donkey.

But Northamptonshire resident Janie Whitson, who took in Paco a year ago, has claimed the donkey is really a "diamond" who was suffering from loneliness.

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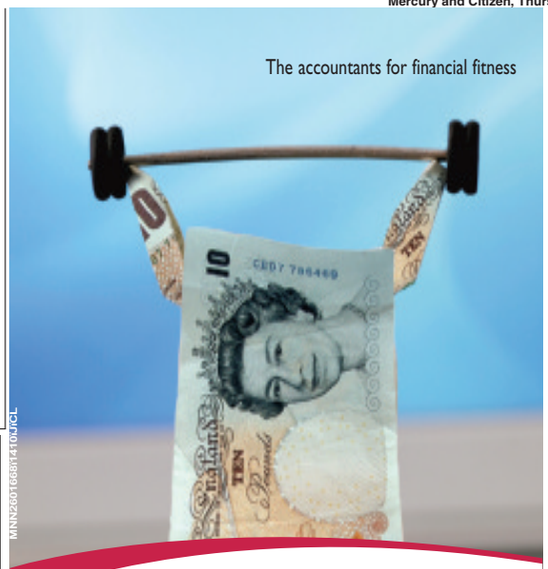

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Chief Constable Adrian Lee says the force has work to do

CRIME in Northamptonshire has fallen for the sixth year in succession with 4,700 fewer offences being reported over the past 12 months, latest figures have shown.

New statistics for the period from April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010, showed offences in the county dropped by 7.9 per cent, from 59,904 to 55,181 crimes.

Northamptonshire Police has put the reduction in serious acquisitive crime – including a 22.6 per cent drop in vehicle crime, a 13.7 per cent drop in robbery and a 13.5 per cent drop in burglary – down to high-impact work undertaken as part of its Operation Guardian.

However, the one area of crime in which the county failed to see a decrease was in violent crime, which increased by 6.4 per cent.

Chief Constable Adrian Lee, said: "Northamptonshire Police is committed to building the trust and confidence of people in the county and the successive reductions in crime is a very important part of achieving that."

Despite the reductions in crime, Mr Lee said the force had "no room to be complacent" and would be focusing on five key areas of activity, including building trust and confidence, streamlining performance, encouraging officers to use their discretion, improving communication and reducing bureaucracy.

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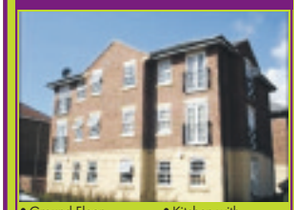

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xxxxx

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Births

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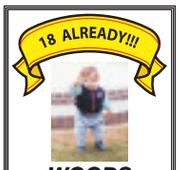

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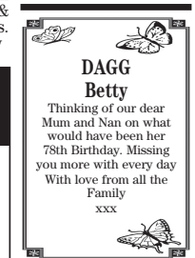

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FUN, fast, and frugal – fine attributes that help sell a car, but coming up with all three under one sleek roof isn't as easy as it might sound.

So well done to Vauxhall for doing a genuinely great job with the Astra SRi: even if it does mean crossing the company's palm with plenty of silver to get behind the wheel.

The 1.7-litre diesel engine means this is a nice, warm hatch, and not a hot one, but so what? This is smile-on-your-face driving, sporty enough to be savoured and with an overall fuel return of 60mpg.

It can do 123mph at the top end, and touch 60mph from standing in less than 11 seconds. It looks good with it, too. Unless cars get a lot lower in future, they won't get shapes that come much more slippery than this.

The design does the SRi badge proud, even as a five-door hatchback. It looks ultra-cool in the supplied black finish, together with the 10-spoke 17-inch alloy wheels.

Sporty seats are standard, and there are enough bells and whistles to satisfy younger owners, without being so complex as to baffle motoring veterans.

A trip computer, audio controls on the steering wheel, cruise control and MP3 connectivity project a broad appeal. Also, no-one will find fault with the quality fixtures and overall build.

It works hard to please fussy users, too, with softer ceiling and centre-console lighting, illuminated vanity mirrors, plenty of pocket space, and an excellent air conditioning system.

Boot space extends from a basic 351 litres to 1,216 litres, and the Astra will accommodate four adults quite well.

Vauxhall rewards the brave in the ride and handling department, too, underscoring that important fun element.

Throw in Vauxhall's adaptive stability system and the ride becomes altogether more fluid, connecting the Astra 1686cc diesel SRi's 123 brake horses to the road – via a six-speed manual gearbox – in a very composed manner.

The firm charges £434 for this FlexRide system and it's a welcome fitment for a car that is already lower than its lesser siblings.

To match the controlled turn of pace I'd also recommend buying the goes-round-corners lighting system, priced £766.

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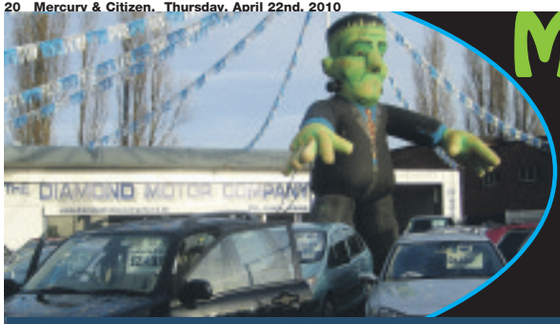

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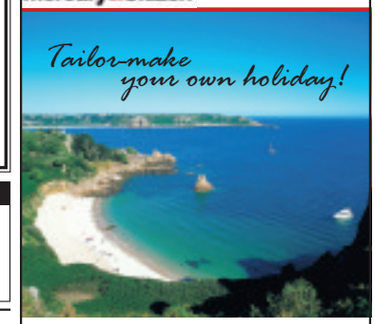

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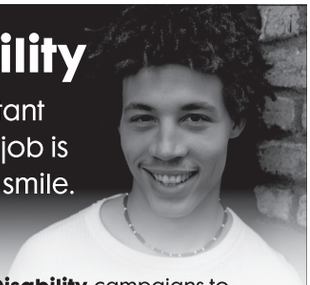

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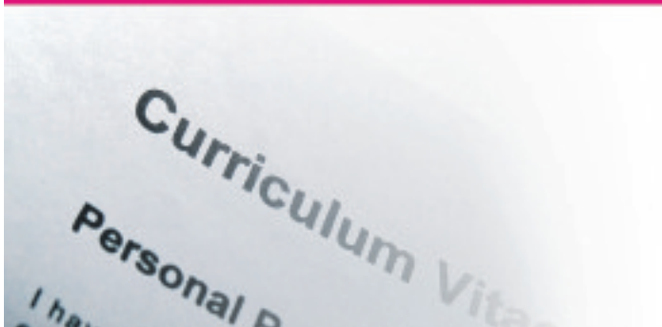

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Sport

Saints need win for play-off edge

BACK-TO-STRENGTH Saints will be hoping to clinch a top two finish in the Guinness Premiership when they entertain Saracens at Franklin's Gardens this Saturday.

Northampton picked up a bonus point on Tuesday evening despite a narrow 21-20 defeat at Bath.

That means third-placed Saracens must win at both second-placed Northampton and table-topping Leicester Tigers in their remaining games if they are to grab home advantage from Saints in the play-off finals.

Northampton made 12 changes from the side that crushed Gloucester on Saturday, when they travelled to the Recreation Ground in midweek.

With three games in eight days – and playing restrictions on the England squad members – Saints chief Jim Mallinder was forced into the changes, but Saints' strength in depth was shown with a tremendous fight that took Bath to the wire.

A try from Paul Diggin and five penalties from Shane Geraghty kept Saints challeneg alive and for an hour Ignacio Fernandez Lobbe was at the heart of the action. But Mallinder later revealed the former Argentine skipper will be leaving Franklin's Gardens at the end of the season.

Mallinder said: "I think he will hang his boots up at the end of the season."

Lobbe played against Gloucester and started again on Tuesday night, but he defied his 35 years with a warrior-like performance at The Rec.

But with a salary cap of £4.2m Mallinder admitted he just can't find any room for the Argentine.

"It is a question of how many good players you can keep and unfortunately we have got restrictions," said Mallinder.

"He is a rugby man through and through, he gets the basic things done well.

"His emphasis is on forward play, he motivates the forwards around him and he gets the backs to follow a simple game plan. He is just good for the team as a whole."

Mallinder was not happy with referee JP Doyle's performance on Tuesday, believing Neil Best's crucial sin-binning in the dying minutes was unjust, at a time when the Saints were still ahead.

"I thought it was very harsh," said Mallinder. "Neil got penalised for not rolling away, but he did attempt to move away."

Saints lost 21-20 to Bath on Tuesday night, but the narrow deficit earned them a bonus point to keep alive their hope of a top two finish in the Guinness Premiership *Picture by LINDA DAWSON*

Osman: We'll get back on track

MIDFIELDER Abdul Osman is confident the Cobblers can get their season back on track against Shrewsbury this weekend – even if star striker Adebayo Akinfenwa isn't passed fit to play.

The talismanic forward has missed the past three games for Northampton, all three of which have ended in 1-0 defeats.

That's a run of results that has left the club's bid for the Coca-Cola League Two play-offs hanging by a string – with three games to go they are three points off the top seven.

This weekend they play host to a Shrewsbury side who have lost four of their past six games but who, thanks to a fine start to the season, are only a point behind Town.

If Ian Sampson's team are to challenge for a spot in the play-offs they must take three points from the Shrews and end a four-game winless streak.

Their chances of doing that will be greatly enhanced if Akinfenwa shakes off an ankle ligament strain in time to play, but Osman feels the squad has enough quality to get results even without the big man.

"Bayo's a big strong lad and we do miss him," said Osman. "But I feel we've got enough good players to come in and do a job for us.

"Hopefully he'll be back for us sooner rather then later.

"It doesn't matter who plays. We all want to win and make the play-offs, whoever plays in the team."

No first-team regulars were risked in the reserve team that played at Norwich City yesterday, with Chris Dunn, Alex Dyer and Courtney Herbert the only senior starters in a 3-0 loss.

The Canaries themselves put out a youthful side in the tote-sport.com Combination game at the club's Colney training ground, but their quality came through in a confident win.

"We were beaten by the better side on the day," conceded coach Sean Parrish.

"We got some game time into Chris Dunn, Alex Dyer and Courtney Herbert which was good for them, but the better team won."

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